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FOR HABIB FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, RP

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: (A) MANILA 18586, (B) STATE 293490

1. AS WILL BE APPARENT FROM SUBSTANCE REF A, THE AGREEMENT REPORTED IN EF B COMES AS A CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE TO ME. ALTHOUGH I HAD DELIBERATELY AVOIDED RAISING THE ISSUE WITH MARCOS, THE SIGNALS HE SENT ME THROUGH JACK VALENTI AND THE ESSENCE OF HIS NOVEMBER 23 POSITION ALL INDICATED HIS OPTION FOR A DELAY IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE REVERSAL REPRESENTED IN THE MEXICO CITY MEETING AND ESPECIALLY THE HALVING OF THE ASKING PRICE FROM TWO BILLION TO ONE BILLION CONSTITUTE RATHER SHARP CHANGES IN THE ATTITUDE DISPLAYED HERE. I WILL NATURALLY APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS FROM THE MEXICO CITY CONVERSATIONS WHICH WILL SHED LIGHT ON THIS.

3. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANT DIVERGENCES IN THE TEXT, WHICH THE PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATING PANEL HAS SHOWN NO RPT NO DISPOSITION TO COMPROMISE. IT HAS BEEN HINTED TO US THAT ONLY PRESIDENT MARCOS WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED FOR AN AGREEMENT AND THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO THAT ONLY IN DIRECT DISCUSSION WITH THE

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SECRETARY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THERE IS ANY SUGGESTION OF  
SECRETARY COMING TO MANILA, OR, ALTERNATIVELY MARCOS GOING  
TO THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO CONSUMMATE THIS AGREEMENT.  
IF NOT, PLEASE CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT AGREEMENT  
IN PRINCIPLE WILL BE ANNOUNCED DEC. 4, BUT THE PANELS  
WILL PROVE UNABLE TO AGREE ON "DETAILS" WHICH CURRENT  
U.S. INSTRUCTIONS REGARD AS SIGNIFICANT.  
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